

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE ENERGY,  
3 MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT STUDY THE  
4 FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
5 FOR OPERATORS OF MOTORBOATS.

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7 WHEREAS, the state parks division of the energy,  
8 minerals and natural resources department is the agency  
9 designated pursuant to Section 66-12-18 NMSA 1978 that  
10 manages the recreational boating safety program in the state  
11 of New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, safety education is the top priority of the  
13 recreational boating program in the state of New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, the state parks division currently provides  
15 boating safety education for operators of motorboats on a  
16 voluntary basis; and

17 WHEREAS, thirty-eight of the other states and  
18 territories of the United States of America have already  
19 implemented some form of mandatory boating education for  
20 motorboat operators; and

21 WHEREAS, the national transportation safety board has  
22 issued a recommendation to the states to implement minimum  
23 recreational boating safety standards to reduce the number  
24 and severity of accidents by requiring demonstration of  
25 operator knowledge of safe boating rules and skills;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state parks division of the  
3 energy, minerals and natural resources department be  
4 requested to study the options for and feasibility of  
5 implementing expanded boating safety education programs for  
6 operators of motorboats in the state of New Mexico; and

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state parks division  
8 report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate  
9 committee of the legislature by October 1, 2005; and

10           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural  
12 resources. \_\_\_\_\_

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